

July 22, 1620

Pilgrims left Delfthaven, a small village in Holland, on board the "Speedwell" for Southampton, England

1620

Mayflower
Capt Christopher Jones.
Used cross-staff. Old time navigators
instrument. Only approximate
Sailed directly across the stormy north
Atlantic, completed their 3,500 mi ~~to~~
voyage in 67 days.

Some 130 souls crowded the
Mayflower

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1912 Dates J-BK

"Mayflower Compact"
written by Pilgrim Fathers
in 1620

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'New England's Tricks'
by John Smith
London (1620)

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the Mayflower Compact was signed.

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1620 The "MAYFLOWER" lands at Plymouth Rock

In 1604 James I of England vowed to "harry Puritans out of the land". A small group of East Anglian separatists sought refuge from persecution in 1609. In 1619, with a grant from the London Virginia Co. set sail from LONDON in the "Mayflower" for America. They landed at Plymouth Rock on Nov. 11, 1620. Before landing, they signed the Mayflower Compact, by which they agreed to be governed by the will of the majority. The small band of shopkeepers and farmers learned from

Indians, how to plant corn and catch fish. Despite a hard first winter, not one of the survivors returned to Europe when the "Mayflower" set sail in the spring. The next Autumn (1621) they celebrated Thanksgiving, a meal of venison & turkey shared with the WAMPANOAG Indians. In 1630 the Mass. Bay Co. sent a fleet of 17 ships with 1,000 settlers to New England. Boston was founded and a representative government, with voting rights for members of the Puritan Church only, was formed. By virtue of the Company's charter neither King nor Parliament had any say in its workings. The seeds of independence had been sown.

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41 Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower,
anchored off Massachusetts,
signed a compact calling for a
"body politick."

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Aboard the Mayflower there
were 25-30 sailors; 2 dogs;
lots of rats and probably cats;
goats, pigs, and chickens.
there were 102 passengers
aboard including 34 children.
Only 50 passengers were Pilgrims

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MAYFLOWER COMPACT

" In ye name of God, Amen, WE, whose names
are underwritten, the loyall subjects of our
dread sovereigne Lord, King James, by ye
grace of God, of Great Brittainie, France &
Ireland, King, defender of ye faith, etc. having
undertaken for ye glorie of God, And advancement
of ye Christian faith, and honour of our King
and countrie, a voyage to plant ye first
colonie in ye northerne parts of Virginia,
doe by these presents, solemnly and mutually, in

the presence of God and of one another, Covenant
and combine ourselves together into a civill
body politick for our better ordering and
preservation and ~~for the~~ furtherance of
ye ends aforesaid; And by virtue hereof to
enact, constitute and frame such just and
equal laws, ordinances, acts, Constitution and
offices, from time to time, as shall be thought
most meete and convenient for ye general
good of ye Colonie, unto which we promise
all due submission and obedience"

"And after they had provided a place for their
Goods ... from Bradford - Hailon, B Plymouth Plantation

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One child was born
aboard the Mayflower
during the voyage.
His parents named
him OCEANUS.

The Puritans called themselves
"First Comers," or "Saints."

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Life aboard the Mayflower was crowded and had very little privacy. It was loud, and smelly. Some changed clothes & bathed during the 66 days of the trip. Life was dirty; lice & fleas camped out in everyone's clothes and hair. It was cold & wet. There was no heat even

for cooking unless it was calm.